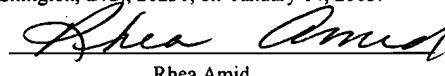




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For: METHODS OF PREVENTING AND  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a one month extension of time is attached, making this response due on or before January 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.